

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 2

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION celebrating a mutually beneficial and prosperous sister-state relationship between Indiana and the Zhejiang Province and welcoming Madame Qiao Chuanxiu and the delegation from China.

*Whereas, Indiana has continued a strong cultural and economic relationship, which began in 1987, with the Zhejiang Province in an effort for both governments to create the conditions for job growth and bolster investment for their constituency;*

*Whereas, As a result of the relationship, Indiana exports to China have more than quadrupled since the beginning of the century and China is one of the top three foreign purchasers of Indiana's automobile parts;*

*Whereas, In addition to the numerous benefits for Indiana, the Zhejiang Province has become one of the leading recipients of U.S. investment in China where Zhejiang is now home to 4,700 U.S.-invested projects making the United States one of the Province's top investors;*

*Whereas, Indiana considers China one of its largest Asian*

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*trading partners. As a result, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation opened an office in Zhejiang in an effort to maintain this special trade relationship and convey the benefits of the Hoosier State to Chinese companies;*

*Whereas, In addition to the sister-city pairings of Indianapolis and Hangzhou, there exists an exciting opportunity to develop additional sister-city relationships between the cities in the Zhejiang Province and Hoosier cities including Logansport and Haining thereby creating a growing bond between Indiana and the Zhejiang Province;*

*Whereas, Madame Qiao Chuanxiu and the Chinese hosting delegation were a superb and gracious host during Indiana's trade mission which was led by Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman and included a delegation of State Officials and Indiana business leaders;*

*Whereas, The relationship between Indiana and Zhejiang remains strong and productive after 25 years, and Indiana joins Zhejiang in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Indiana's sister-state relationship with Zhejiang; and*

*Whereas, Together Indiana and Zhejiang have grown and evolved to become integral participants in a globalized economy: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate celebrates a mutually  
2 beneficial and prosperous sister-state relationship between Indiana and  
3 the Zhejiang Province and welcomes Madame Qiao Chuanxiu and the  
4 delegation from China.

5 SECTION 2. That 2012 marks the 25th anniversary of Indiana's  
6 sister-state relationship with the Zhejiang Province of China.

7 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to send  
8 a copy of this Resolution to Madame Qiao Chuanxiu and one copy to



1 the Indiana Council on China at the Sagamore Institute.



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